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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Obremski, R.J. et al.

Serial No: 09/063,978

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For: DETECTION OF VERY LOW

QUANTITIES OF ANALYTE BOUND TO A SOLID PHASE Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: HINES, J.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a 1-month extension of time extending to March 1, 2001, for the period of filing an appeal brief for the notice of appeal filed on December 1, 2000. A check for \$110.00 is enclosed. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: March 1, 2001

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